THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON):

(a) No. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Three.

(d) 107 GPF Accounts have been corrected and 19 still remain to be connected. These could not be corrected due to non-receipt of proper records from Zonal office/divisions other than 'D' Division.

Scarcity of drinking water in Kutch District of Gujarat

1846. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe scarcity of drinking water in the district of Kutch, Panch Mahal, Sabarkantha, Banas Kantha, Mehsana and Surendra Nagar of Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to tackle this problem immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As informed by the State Government, there has been good rain during the last monsoon in the Districts of Kutch, Panchmahal, Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Mehsana and Surendranagar of Gujarat State. As such this year there is no scarcity of drinking water in these districts at present.

(b and (c) Question does not arise.

Illegal encroachment in North Avenue

1847. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken with regard to the illegal encroachment made in the North Avenue and its surrounding area by M/s Bagga Tent House since last three decades;

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for;

(c) whether a number of motor car garages and servant quarters are illegally encroached by the said Messers;

(d) whether encroachment in Government land has been done for godowns etc.; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Several instances of misuse of garages in the North Avenue and South Avenue for tent house, residential, and other purposes have come to the notice of CPWD Garage Nos- N-14, N-17 & N-18, North Avenue are reported to being used as tent stores. These instances have been brought by the CPWD to the notice of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats, since houses and garages to the Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha Members are allotted by the respective house Committees. Action taken by the Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariat for getting the encroachments removed are, however, not known to the Government.

(b) Reasons for the reported misuse are not within the knowledge of the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) CPWD has reported that no godown has been constructed over Department; and

(e) Does not arise.

Pilot scheme for the poor by HUDCO

1848. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has